

109TH CONGRESS
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Designating the week of February 5 through February 9, 2007, as “National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week”.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. CRAPO (for himself,

) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on

RESOLUTION

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Whereas 1 in 3 female teens in a dating relationship have feared for their physical safety;

Whereas 1 in 2 teens in serious relationships have compromised their beliefs to please their partner;

Whereas nearly 1 in 5 teens who have been in a serious relationship said their boyfriend or girlfriend would threaten to hurt themselves or their partner if there was a break-up;

Whereas 1 in 5 teens in a serious relationship report they have been hit, slapped, or pushed by a partner;

Whereas more than 1 in 4 teens have been in a relationship where their partner verbally abuses them;

Whereas 13 percent of Hispanic teens reported that hitting a partner was permissible;

Whereas 29 percent of girls who have been in a relationship said they have been pressured to have sex or engage in sex they did not want;

Whereas nearly 50 percent of girls worry that their partner would break up with them if they did not agree to engage in sex;

Whereas Native American women experience higher rates of interpersonal violence than any other population group;

Whereas violent relationships in adolescence can have serious ramifications for victims who are at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and adult revictimization;

Whereas the severity of violence among intimate partners has been shown to increase if the pattern has been established in adolescence;

Whereas 81 percent of parents surveyed either believe dating violence is not an issue or admit they do not know if it is an issue; and

Whereas the establishment of the National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Week will benefit schools, communities, and families regardless of socioeconomic status, race, or sex: Now, therefore be it

1 *Resolved*, That the Senate—

1 (1) designates the week of February 5 through
2 February 9, 2007, as “National Teen Dating Vio-
3 lence Awareness and Prevention Week”; and

4 (2) calls upon the people of the United States,
5 high schools, law enforcement, State and local offi-
6 cials, and interested groups, to observe National
7 Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention
8 Week with appropriate programs and activities that
9 promote awareness and prevention of the crime of
10 teen dating violence in their communities.